

#### BY-LAWS

#### of the

# OKLAHOMA CITY MUSCOGEE (CREEK) ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I

#### IDENTIFICATION

## Section 1.1 NAME

The name of the Corporation is Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association, Inc.

#### Section 1.2 REGISTERED OFFICE

The address of the registered office is 2900 S. Harvey Oklahoma City, but may be changed as needed by Corporation. The Corporation may have such other general offices and places of business within or without the City of Oklahoma. City, or the State of Oklahoma.

#### Section 1.3 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of October in each year and end on the last day of September 30.

#### Section 1.4. PURPOSE

To improve the social and economic well-being of Creek
Tribal members residing outside present Muscogee (Creek)
Nation service boundaries by developing and securing
recognition by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and
Administrative offices of the Principal Chief of inherited
legal rights of all Muscogee (Creek) Tribal members,
provided for by the now existing Constitution of the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and to develop an organization
that will be available to Muscogee (Creek) Tribal members
residing ourtside Muscogee (Creek) Nation service
boundaries for information, support and Tribal affairs
education.

#### ARTICLE II

## Section 2.1 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek)
Association shall consist of Creek Tribal members residing in the Oklahoma City Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (S.M.S.A).

## Section 2.2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the membership will be held the first Tuesday of each month. Date may be changed by vote of the general membership.

#### Section 2.3 VOTING MEMBERSHIP

In conformance of the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution shall be those persons of Muscogee (Creek) blood whose name appears on the final roles as provided by the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137) or persons who are lineal descendant of a Muscogee (Creek) Indian who appears on said roll, and who is not an enrolled member of another tribe, nation or pueblo.

#### Section 2.4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of not less than three (3) or no more than nine (9) enrolled Creek citizens residing in Oklahoma City, S.M.S.A.

The number of Board of Directors may be set from time to time by resolution duly enacted by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership.

#### Section 2.5 COMPOSITION

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of persons who have attained positions of community leadership and responsibility and who have demonstrated their talents on behalf of the Indian community. The Board shall be comprised of knowledgeable enrolled Creek Citizens who indicate a desire and demonstrate a capacity for management

# Section 2.5 COMPOSITION (con't)

of a Corporation. Any person who meets the above qualifications and requirements and has been publicly selected or elected by the membership shall be considered a member of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 2.6 VACANCY

Any vacancy occurring for any reason shall be filled temporarily by appointment by the Board at the next regular meeting regular of the Board. Temporary appointments shall serve until a permanent position is made by action of the membership.

## Section 2.7 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election of Board of Directors shall be carried out at the general membership meeting in October annually.

## Section 2.8 TERMS OF OFFICE

Three (3) members of the Board shall serve one (1) year, three (3) members of the Board shall serve two (2) years and three (3) members serve three (3) years. Thereafter, members may be re-elected at the annual elections not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms of office.

After a one (1) year waiting period, a former Board member under Sec. 2.8 may be eligible for re-election to the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association Board of Directors.

Lots determining the terms of office will be drawn at the first Board of Directors meeting following election.

#### Section 2.9 MEETINGS

Board of Directors meetings will be held once a month prior to the general membership meeting or as needed.

#### Section 2.10 TENURE

Directors shall hold office until such office is terminated by (1) resignation submitted to the Board of Directors in writing, (2) by death, (3) by removal according to these by-laws, or (4) automatically, after three unexcused

#### Section 2.10 TENURE (con't)

consecutive absences from regular Board meetings by operstion of the By-Laws.

#### Section 2.11 REMOVAL

Any Director may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, provided that the Director to be removed by given a written notice of reason for removal and a hearing before the Board of Directors to refute those reasons. Decision of the Board will be final.

#### Section 2.12 QUORUM AND TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. An affirmative vote of a simple majority of the quorum or the number of directors present shall transact business and bind the Corporation on any business matter except where a greater number of affirmative votes is required by Law.

#### Section 2.13 NEPOTISM

No person shall be elected/appointed to the Board of Directors while a member of his/her immediate family serves as a Board member or is elected.

For the purpose of the above, a member of an immediate family shall include any of the following persons;

Husband Wife
Father Father In-Law
Mother Mother In-Law
Brother Brother In-Law
Sister Sister In-Law
Son Son In-Law
Daughter Daughter In-Law

### Section 2.14 <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

The Baord of Directors may amend these by-laws with the approval from general membership from time to time at any regular business.

#### ARTICLE III

#### OFFICERS

#### Section 3.1 NUMBER

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. and such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

## Section 3.2 <u>ELECTION</u>, TERMS OF OFFICE

The officers shall be chosen annually by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting, or as soon after such annual meeting as may conveniently be possible. Each officer shall hold office until his successor is chosen and qualified, or until his death, or uhtil he shall have resigned, or shall have been remove in the manner provided is Sec. 3.3.

## Section 3.3 REMOVAL

Any office or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

#### Section 3.4 VACANCIES

Any vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, or any other cause shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the manner prescribed in the by-laws for election or appointment to such office.

## Section 3.5 THE PRESIDENT

The President, who shall be chosen from among the Directors, shall have active executive management of the operations of the Corporation, subject, however to the control of the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member exofficio of all committees.

#### Section 3.6 VICE-PRESIDENT

The vice-president shall generally inform himself of the operation of the Corporation and in particular the function and duties of the president. He shall perform such other duties as determined by the Board of Directors and these by-laws. The vice-president shall assume the office of the president as required by the Corporation.

# Section 3.7 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept in books provided for the purpose, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership, shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws and as required by law; shall be custodian of the records and of the sel of the Corporation and see that the seal is affixed to all documents, the excution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of this code of by-laws; an in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

#### Section 3.8 TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep correct and complete records of account, showing accurately at all times the financial condition of the corporation. He shall be the legal custodian of all monies, notes, securities and other valuables which may from time to time come into the possession of the Corporation. He shall immediately deposit all funds of the corporation coming into his hands in some reliable Bank of other depository to be desinated by the Board of Directors, and shall keep such bank account in the name of the Corporation. He shall furnish at meetings of the Board of Directors and General Membership meetings, or whenever requested, a statement of the financial condition of the Corporation, and shall perform such other duties as this code of by-laws may require or the Baord of Directors may prescribe. The Treasurer may be required to furnish bond in such amount as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV

# NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, DEEDS AND CONTRACTS

#### Section 4.1 EXCUTION OF NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS

All checks, drafts, notes, bonds, bills of exchange and orders for the payment of money of the corporation shall, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, or unless otherwise required by law, be signed by any of the following officers; President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary.

## Section 4.2 EXECUTION OF DEEDS, CONTRACTS, ETC.

Subject always to the specific directions of the Board of Directors, all deeds and mortages made by the Corporation and all other written contracts and agreements to which the corporation shall be a party shall be executed in its name by the President or the Vice-President and attested by the Secretary or an assistance Secretary when necessary or required, shall affix the corporate seal thereto.

#### ARTICLE V

#### BONDING

## Section 5.1 BONDING

All Directors, officers and agents of the Corporation authorized to handle monies of the Corporation shall execute a fidelity bond at the cost of the Corporation in the amount so required and designated by the Board of Directors.

The	above	and	forego	oing	by-laws	were	adopted	this	<u>29th</u>	day	of
Octo	ber		A.D.,	1989	5						

Chairman: // Joy Spocogee Harris

Oklahoma City Muskogee (Creek) Association Executive Officers:

Buddy Cox, Vice-Chairman
Jane Milam, Sec/Treasurer
Mae Jackson, Spokesperson
George Bunny, Interpreter
Ruth Hickey, Publicity
Betty Proctor, Member-At-Large